

REMARKS

This application is the United States national stage filing of corresponding international application number PCT/US2004/042710 filed December 20, 2004, which claims the benefit of and priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/532,842, filed December 23, 2003. The Specification has herein been amended to recite the priority information and to provide sequence identifiers (i.e. SEQ ID NO: 1-3). No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Furthermore, claims 1-23 have been canceled. New claims 24-39 have been added. No new matter has been added by this preliminary amendment.

Also, a paper and a computer readable copy of the sequence listing is submitted in conjunction with this Preliminary Amendment. The sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing. No new matter has been added by this sequence listing.

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No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,



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